IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of					
Gerald HOHENBICHLER 6		Date: December 23, 2004			
Int'l. Appln. No. PCT/EP03/06468					
Int'l. Filing Date: 18 June 2003					
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A METAL STRIP USING A TWO-ROLLER CASTING DEVICE					
Mail Stop PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450					
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT					
Sir: Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the application as follows:					
FEE CALCULATION					
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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

- 1. $\sqrt{}$ If checked, an abstract is submitted herewith.
- 2. ___ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
- 3. $\sqrt{}$ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
- 4. $\sqrt{\ }$ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.